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The Physician Assistant Committee Has A New Telephone Number!

The Physician Assistant Committee has a new number to better serve applicants, licensees, and the public: Main Number: (916) 561-8780

All other numbers remain unchanged:

Toll Free Number: 1- 800 - 555-8038 Fax Number: (916) 263-2671

A New Addition to the Physician Assistant Committee Web Page – the Public Document Lookup!

You no longer need to call the Physician Assistant Committee to obtain copies of accusations or final disciplinary actions! All this information is now available on the PAC website!

From the Physician Assistant Committee website, simply open the Public Document Lookup button (located on the right hand side of the PAC homepage), read the disclaimer, type in the physician assistant's name, license number, or case number of the accusation or final disciplinary action and the information will be available almost instantly 24 hours a day! The documents may also be printed!

The same service is also available on the Medical Board of California website. Physician assistants may want to check to see if the Medical Board of California has taken disciplinary action against the license of any potential supervising physician.

Haven't Received Your License Renewal? Have You Moved and Not Informed the Physician Assistant Committee?

Licensing renewals are mailed to licensees' address of record approximately 90 days prior to license expiration. Every month, the Physician Assistant Committee staff receive frantic phone calls from licensees whose license will expire or has expired. Often, the licensee has moved and not notified the Physician Assistant Committee of a change of address and the renewal notice has been mailed to the old address of record. Section 1399.511 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations requires that licensees notify the Physician Assistant Committee whenever they move.

Change of Address forms are available on the Physician Assistant Committee website (www.physicianassistant.ca.gov) under "Forms and Publications".

Please allow at least two weeks to process renewals sent to the Committee's office. Also, the Physician Assistant Committee is unable to accept credit cards or renew licenses on-line. It is important that you renew your license as soon as you receive your renewal notice. Waiting until the last minute may result in delays in processing your renewal payment.

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

The following summary indicates the administrative actions taken against licensed physician assistants by the State of California from October 2004 through July 2005. Section numbers cited refer to California Business and Professions Code (BPC); Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Division 13.8; Heath and Safety Code (HSC); Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). This summary does not reflect criminal and civil actions that may also have been brought separately against the licensee, as those actions are not within the jurisdiction of the Physician Assistant Committee.

Although every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct, before making any decision based upon this information, check with the Physician Assistant Committee to substantiate the accuracy of this listing. Specific information on these violations may be obtained by contacting the Physician Assistant Committee at 916 561-8780 ext 2.

CASTILLO, JOSE PA 13205

487(a), 490, 493, 810(a)(1)(2),2234,(c)(e)(f), 3527(a), 3531 B&P 1399.521(a) CCR 530.5(a) PC

Accusation Filed: August 7, 2003

Charges: Conviction of a Crime, Dishonesty, Unprofessional Conduct, Identity Theft, Insurance Fraud, Unlicensed Practice, Repeated Negligence,

Stipulated Decision: Surrender of License

Effective Date: April 14, 2005

CODY, JUDITH PA 15217

2052, 2234, 2238, 2261, 2264, 2266, 2286, 2400, 2402, 3502, 2502.1, 3527 B&P 1399.540, 1399.545 CCR

Accusation Filed: March 17, 2004

Charges: Unlicensed Practice of Medicine, Practicing in Excess of Delegated Authority, Practicing Without Adequate Supervision, Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Practice of Medicine, Prescribing Without Good Faith Exam, Dishonesty, Failure To Maintain Adequate Records, Gross Negligence, Incompetence,

Decision: Revocation

Effective Date: July 14, 2005

HEATH, KENDALL PA 14177

Effective Date: February 14, 2005

2052, 2234 (e), 2261, 2262, 3531 B&P Accusation Filed: September 25, 2003 Charges: Conviction of a Crime, Dishonesty, Alternation of Medical Records, Making False Statements, Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Practice Stipulated Decision: Surrender of License

PLUNKETT, RONALD PA 15879

475, 490, 2234, 2236, 3527, 3531 B&P Accusation Filed: January 22, 2004 Violation: Conviction of a Crime

Decision: Revocation

Effective Date: October 29, 2004

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE 2005 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Date Location

October 6, 2005 Sacramento

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